

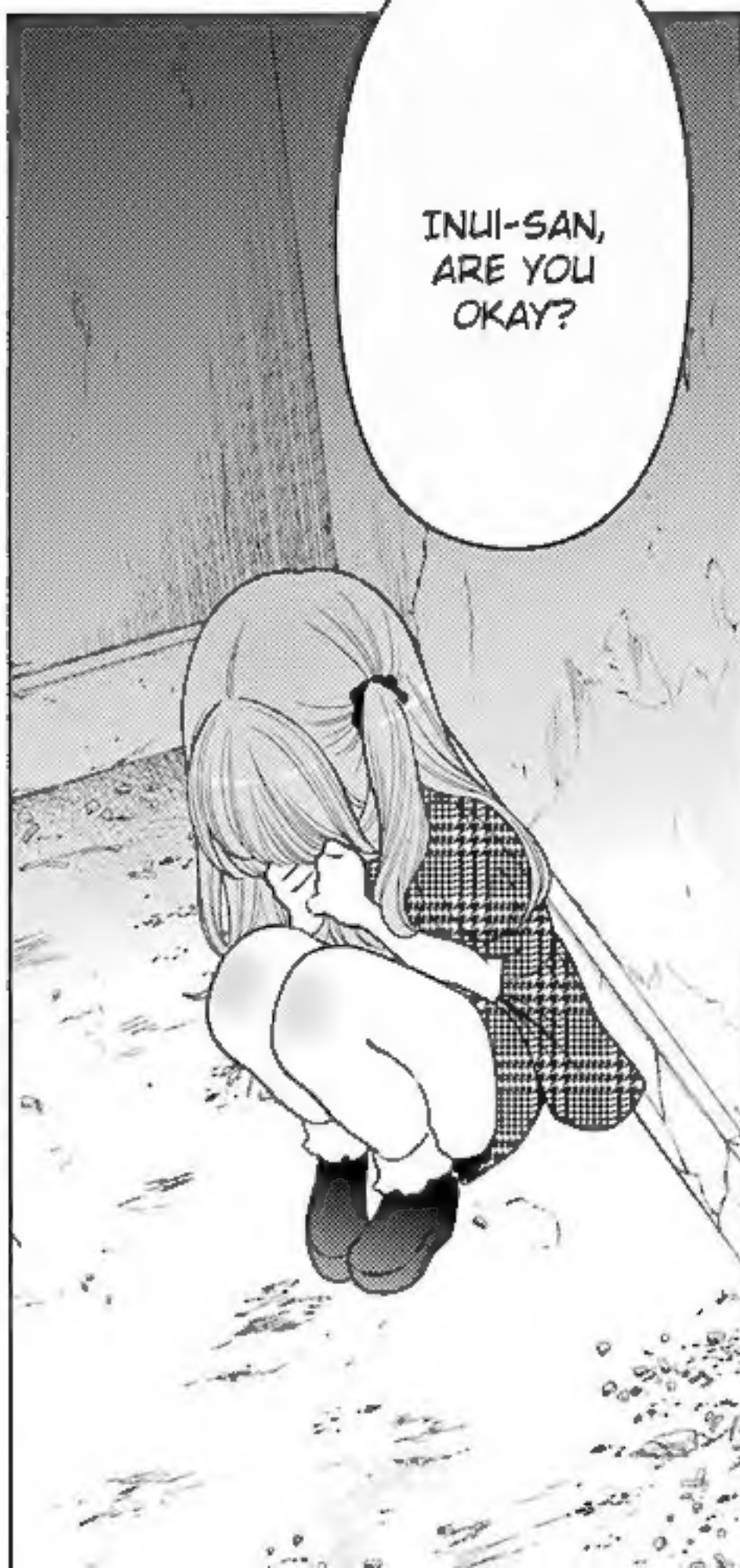
SHHHAAAAA

AMIDST THE UNEASY
ATMOSPHERE THE
LOCATION SCOUTING
CONTINUES...

その着せ替え人形は恋をする
福田晋一



JUST AS
THE FORECAST
FORETOLD,
IT STARTED
RAINING...



INUI-SAN,
ARE YOU
OKAY?



She doesn't
seem to be
okay...



SHIVER

SHIVER

I-I-I'M
OKAY...

SHIVER

I JUST
GOT TIRED
A BIT...

SHIVER



N...NO!

SHOULD WE
HEAD BACK
TO THE MAIN
ENTRANCE?



OTHERWISE
WE WON'T
BE ABLE TO
TAKE GOOD
PHOTOS...

I'LL BE
ABLE TO
DO A BLACK
LILY COSPLAY,
AFTER ALL...

I HAVE TO
MAKE SURE
TO INVESTIGATE
THE LOCATION
THOROUGHLY...





AS FOR
ME,



YES.

I WANT TO BE
A KASHIRASHI
MASTER OF HINA
DOLLS...IT'S
THE PROCESS
OF CREATING
THE FACE FOR
THE DOLL.

THAT'S A
WONDERFUL
DREAM.

DEFINITELY
MAKE IT A
REALITY.

***I WANTED
TO BECOME A
MAGICAL GIRL.***

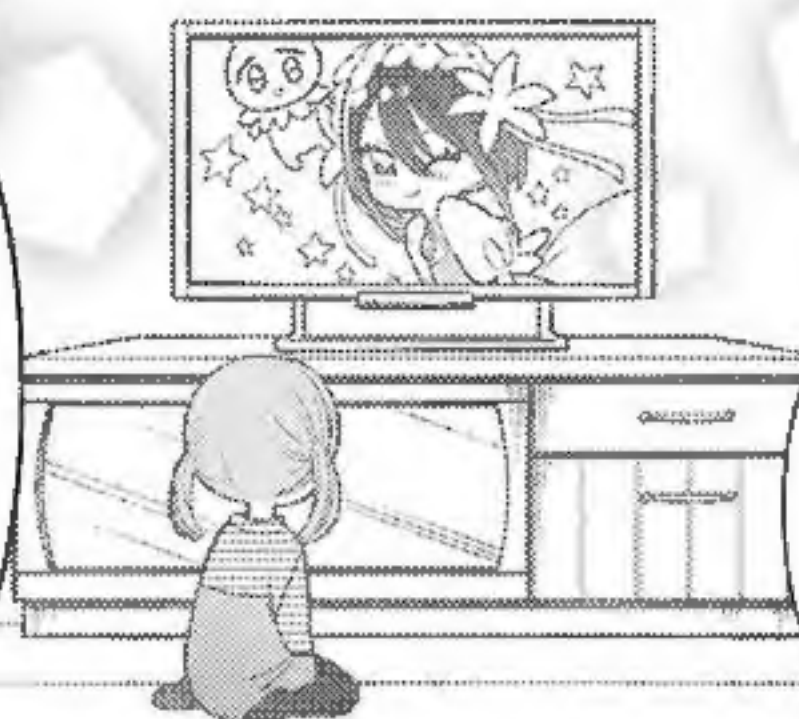


WEARING
ALL SORTS
OF FRILLY
CLOTHES.

STRONG,
SPARKLING
AND COOL.



"ONCE I GROW
UP, I'LL BE A
MAGICAL GIRL!"
WERE MY EARNEST
THOUGHTS.



EVER SINCE I
WAS A CHILD,
I'VE WANTED
TO BECOME A
MAGICAL GIRL.

IT'S AS
IF I WAS
TRANCED.

I UNDERSTOOD
ONCE I BECAME
AN ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL STUDENT.

BUT..

NO MATTER
HOW GREAT
OF AN EFFORT
OR PRAYER I
PUT IN...

ALL OF
THAT IS
FICTION.

**I UNDERSTOOD
THAT "MY DREAM
WILL NEVER COME
TRUE... EVER."**

I IMMEDIATELY
BOUGHT SOME
AND TRIED
THEM ON.




HOWEVER, ONCE
I WAS A JUNIOR
HIGH SCHOOL
STUDENT, I GOT
TO KNOW OF THE
FACT THAT THEY
SELL COSTUMES.



BUT
EVEN
SO.

I WAS
REALLY
HAPPY.



MY KNOWLEDGE
WAS SEVERELY
LACKING. I DIDN'T
EVEN KNOW HOW
TO SET UP
THE WIG.

I DIDN'T DO
MAKE-UP
AS WELL.

THE SIZE OF
THE CLOTHES
DIDN'T MATCH
EITHER, IT WAS
ALL BAGGY.

MY FIRST
COSPLAY
ATTEMPT WAS
HORRIBLE.





IT'S NOT TOO
LATE TO REQUEST
THE SERVICES OF
SOMEONE WHO IS
BETTER THAN ME.

INSTEAD OF ME,
THERE ARE PLENTY
OF OTHER, MORE
CAPABLE PEOPLE.



WHY DID IT
HAVE TO BE
ME...?



AT THE TIME,
WHEN I SAW
KITAGAWA
MARIN'S
PHOTO...

...I...




I FELT
ENVY.



"I ALSO
WANT TO WEAR
THE CLOTHES
MADE BY THIS
PERSON."

WHILE I UNDER-
STAND THAT
IT'S UNBECOMING
OF ME TO FEEL
ENVOUS, BUT...

"IF IT'S NOT
THIS PERSON,
THEN IT'S NO
GOOD." OR SO
I THOUGHT.



I REALLY FELT
AN IMMENSE
FEELING OF ENVY
AND I COULDN'T
HELP MYSELF.

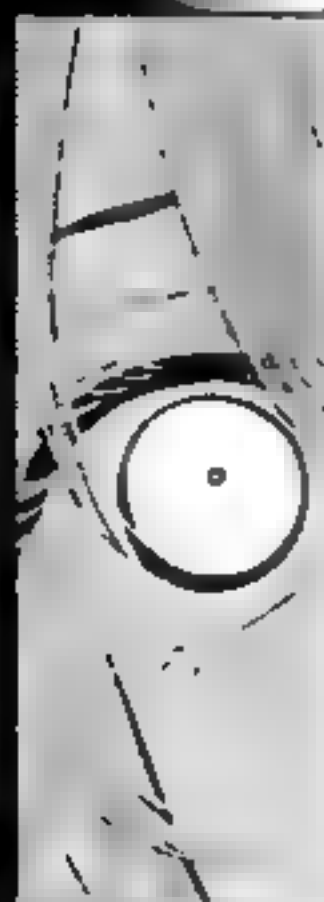
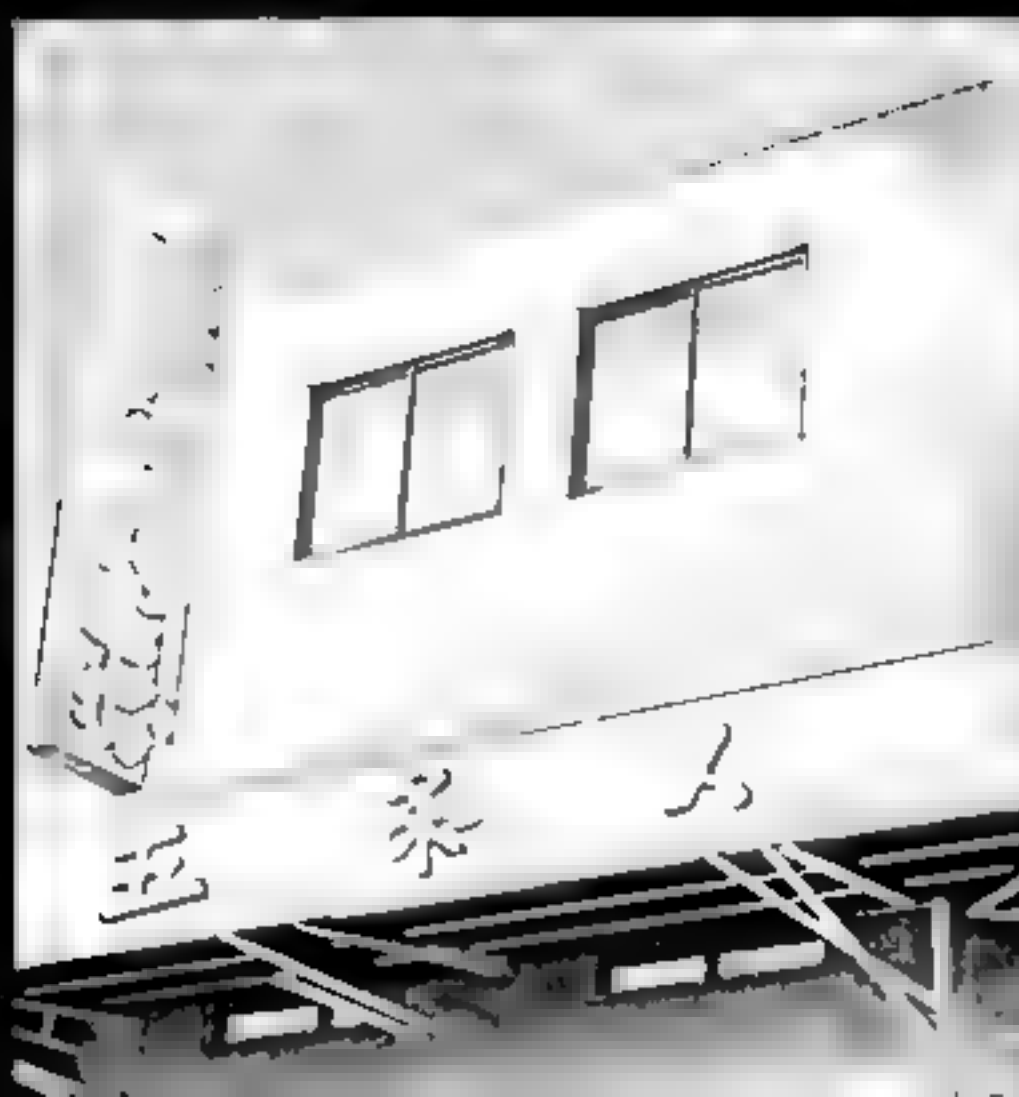




YOU DON'T WANT
TO DO IT BECAUSE
OF SOMETHING AS
MEANINGLESS AS
ENVY, RIGHT?

HONESTLY, I
WAS SURPRISED
WITH MYSELF.

BUT...



FOR ME,
COSPLAY IS
JUST...



Isn't it
amazing!?

See, this hina
doll was made
by grandpa's
group!

It's
pretty,
right~?



It's really
pretty...

Yup,
amazing...



The customers
only buy the most
liked hina doll out
of all the shops
that they visit.


It's important
merchandise,
after all.

Is that
so?

With the
exception of us,
there are plenty
of other hina doll
shops around this
neighborhood.

Wahaha, the
whole world
you say!

It's the
prettiest
doll in the
whole world...



Grandpa is happy to hear that you think it's the best.

"This shop's dolls are good." "I want this one." Or so, to give such an impression, we frantically work to make the dolls.

That's why when customers visit the various shops, we have to attract their attention with something eye catching.

Oh, that's right...

It's still a bit difficult for Wakana to understand... How should I say this...

Aah.

What does it mean "to catch one's eye?"

Hm?

...Me too...

It's "To fall in love at first sight."



When I
grow up,

I want to
be a doll
maker.



I want
to be like
grandpa.



Wakana, if
you practice,
you'll be able to
become like me.

You'll
become
one!

Waha-
haha.

BANG

FLASH

RUMBLE

DRIP

RUMBLE

GRAND-
PA...

RUMBLE

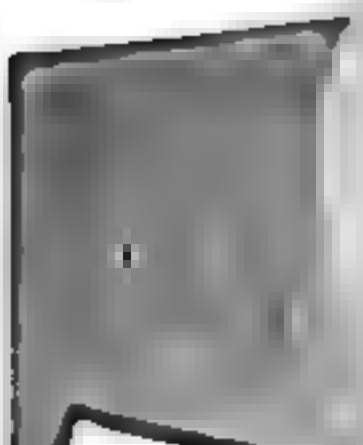
EH.

RUMBLE

WHAT!?



WHY ARE YOU
CRYING...?



SERIOUSLY
WHAT'S WITH
YOU...?

COME ON SAY
SOMETHING...!!



WHY
SERIOUSLY
WHAT THE
WHAT THE
HELL...?

HEY
WAIT A
MINUTE

CLOSER

**SHEYNK YEW
BERI MAWCH!**





*Inui Sajuna,
17 years old.*



SOB

I FINALLY
UNDERSTAND
WHY GRANDPA
WAS SO HAPPY
BACK THEN...

SOB

SOMEDAY, I'M
CERTAIN THAT
I'LL RECEIVE
SUCH WORDS
FOR A HINA
DOLL AS WELL...

SO IT WAS
A FEELING
LIKE THIS...

SOB



*Having enrolled in
an all-girls school
with an escalator
program, she
never had the
opportunity to
hold hands with
the opposite sex
of her generation.*



MUST RESIST URGE

translator:
heike

editor:
lazy
panda

tlc:
minami

TL Note: Escalator schools are so called because students usually rise to the next grade without having to take entrance exams. While many Western private schools are this way, escalator schools are far more prevalent in Japan and in the Philippines than in other countries.



TO HUG KAWAII
LOI TO DEATH

SO.... JUJU WAS ACTUALLY A CLOSET CHUUNI?? XD
JOKES ASIDE, PERHAPS IT'S NOT JUST GOJOU'S SEWING CAPABILITY, BUT ALSO MARIN'S PURE LOVE OF COSPLAYING (THE CHARACTERS) THAT MADE JUJU ENVIOUS...(?) IT REALLY IS RARE TO FIND SOMEONE FULLY PASSIONATE ABOUT WHAT THEY'RE DOING IN LIFE; BE IT WORK OR A HOBBY THAT THEY INDULGE IN. WE'RE ALWAYS SEEKING SOMETHING FROM LIFE THAT CAN GIVE US A MORE SENSE OF WHOLENESS.

THANKS FOR READING! REMEMBER TO SUPPORT THE AUTHOR BY BUYING HER WORKS WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE IN YOUR COUNTRY.

BTW, it was mentioned in this issue that the next update will come out on April 29 instead of April 5.